

Testimony on HB 5285- An Act Concerning the Public School Curriculum

Dear Education Committee Chairs McCrory and Sanchez, Vice Chairs Abrams and Barry, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and distinguished members of the Committee

My name is Angel Serrano, I am an Organizer for CT Citizen Action Group. On behalf of thousands of member and supporters of CCAG I write this testimony in support of:

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I remember being taught from a young age, in a Hartford public school, that knowledge is power. HB 5285 is a bill that can empower the youth of today with the knowledge of what different people of different cultures had to go through in our history. Another way that this bill empowers youth is teaching of climate science in our schools. A clear understanding of how the environment affects us all and the human effect on climate change might be what the youth need to hear. We should definitely supply these students with the necessary knowledge to tackle real problems in today's society.

The issues of racial justice and climate change are extremely relevant to each other and prevalent in everyday news. It is time to stop leaving students behind while others get a more complete education. It would be more equitable if everyone had access to the same education. A student should not be denied knowledge on the basis of where the student lives.

CCAG supports HB 5285 because it is the right thing to do in bringing a more equitable education curriculum to our Connecticut students. Proper preparation of tomorrow's workforce will be key to having a better working economy in the future. So we should properly prepare them for what lies ahead.

Thank you,

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